THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government have extended financial support for reclamation of ravine lands to the States during different plan periods upto Seventh plan, thereafter the scheme was transferred to State sector as per the decision taken by National Development Council.

(c) The details of various schemes with provision for conservation measures in eroded land in the State of Orissa are as stated below:—

	Scheme	Area (Ha.)
Central Schemes		
1.	Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects.	24330
2.	*Integrated Wastelands Development Project	29922
State Plan Schemes		
1.	Rice & Fish Integrated Farming	192
2.	Plantation of *Simoroub glauea*	1452
3.	Soil Conservation in Watershed Management Unit	1414
4.	Sisal Plantation	1968

*20% of project cost can be used for conservation measures.

Amount Paid as Crop Insurance to Farmers

3061. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Crop Insurance Scheme claims exchequer" appearing in the Economic Times on 27th November, 1996;

(b) if so, the total amount paid as crop insurance to farmers in 1995-96; State-wise;

(c) whether any claims from Andhra Pradesh are still outstanding for 1995-96;

(d) whether any claims from Andhra Pradesh are still outstanding for 1995-96; State-wise;

(e) if so, the detailf thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government is well aware of the economic viability of the Scheme which is under implementation since 1985.

(b) State-wise details of the claims paid to farmers in 1995-96 are given in the statement attached. (*See* below).

(c) All the claims of Andhra Pradesh have been paid by the implementing agency except the claims amounting to Rs. 437.84 lakhs for Rabi 1995-96 season on account of non-receipt of 1/3rd share from the State Government.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Showing Details of the Claims Paid to the Farmers in 1995-96 State-Wise Under Comprehensive Crop. Insurance Scheme

S.No.	*State*	*Claims Paid (Rs. in lakh)*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1859.72
2.	Assam	0.66
3.	Bihar	343.88

S.No.	*State*	*Claims Paid (Rs. in lakh)*
4.	Goa	0.12
5.	Gujarat	10258.45
6.	Himachal Pradesh	0.08
7.	Karnataka	367.82
8.	Kerala	33.75
9.	Madhya Pradesh	502.04
10.	Maharashtra	1366.51
11.	Meghalaya	0.22
12.	Orissa	759.30
13.	Tamil Nadu	775.07
14.	Tripura	—
15.	West Bengal	424.77
16.	Pondicherry	—
	TOTAL	16692.39

Failure to streamline Ad-Hoc Subsidy Scheme

3062. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's failure to streamline the ad-hoc subsidy scheme has resulted in shortage of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers in rabi season; and

(b) if so, whether, as a result, farmers may not be able to increase the use of DAP in the coming rabi season despite lower price fixed by State Governments; and

(c) whether FAI has suggested that subsidy may be paid directly to DAP manufacturers or importers by the Centre after certification by statutory auditors?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) While the overall availability of DAP is by and large satisfactory, there is likely to be shortage of DAP in certain pockets during the current Rabi season. This Department is in constant touch with the State Governments for doing the needful.

(c) Yes, Sir. FAI suggested payment of ad-hoc concession directly to public limited complaints manufacturing phosphatic fertilizers and importers of MOP and DAP on presentatin of claims by the Chief Executives of the companies duly Certified by the Statutory Auditors.